GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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POACHING OF TIGERS IN DUDHWA NATIONAL PARK
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some tigers were killed in Dudhwa National Park in Lakhimpur Kheri District of Uttar Pradesh and their skin, bones and claws were sold to the professional traders in China;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the action taken against the poachers and measures adopted to save tigers in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b) As reported by the State, a case of tiger poaching has come to light during January, 2007 in the Kishanpur Sanctuary, adjoining Dudhwa National Park. However, only some decomposed carcass of the poached animal was found at the site. Further, it has been reported that a tiger skin has also been seized in the nearby South Kheri Division during transit this year.

(c) Steps taken by Government of India for conservation of tiger are at Annexure-I.